

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 27, and 28 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are amended herein. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 may be found in the claims as originally filed and at page 12, lines 15-25, continuing at page 13, lines 1-14, and at page 17, lines 12-25, continuing at page 18, 1, 2, and 3 of the specification, and in Fig. 8. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112:**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejection is traversed to the extent it would apply to the claims as amended. Reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112:**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 were amended to make them more definite.

M.P.E.P. § 2173.05(d), moreover, which was cited in the final Office Action, deals with exemplary claim language like "for example," and "such as," rather than words like "when." Still, in the interest of compact prosecution only, and not for any reason of patentability, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 have been amended to recite "if" rather than "when." Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are thus submitted to be definite within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101:**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is traversed. Reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1 and 3 are method claims, and are thus submitted to fall within, at least, the "process" category of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 4 and 10, moreover, are system claims, and are thus submitted to fall within, at least, the "machine" category of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 6 and 12, similarly, are apparatus claims, and are thus also submitted to fall within, at least, the "machine" category of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 8, finally, is directed to a computer

memory product, and is thus submitted to fall within, at least, the "machine" category of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as well.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12, moreover, all produce a "concrete and tangible result," contrary to the assertion in the final Office Action. The seventh clause of claim 1, for example, recites the concrete and tangible result of "transmitting the generated document to the terminal apparatus."

Similarly, the ninth clause of claim 4, the eighth clause of claim 6, and the ninth clause of claim 10 all recite the concrete and tangible result of "transmitting the generated document to the terminal apparatus."

The seventh clause of claim 8, similarly, recites the concrete and tangible result of "causing the computer to transmit the generated document outside of the computer."

Finally, the seventh clause of claim 12 recites the concrete and tangible result of "transmitting the generated document outside of the central apparatus."

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are thus submitted be directed to statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 is earnestly solicited.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

The applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 27 and 28.

**Conclusion:**

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 27, and 28 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 27, and 28 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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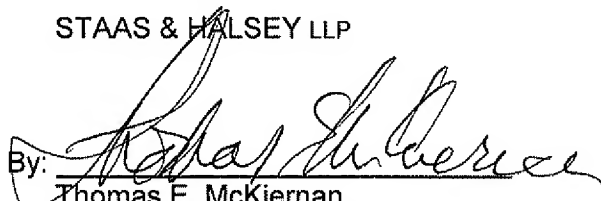
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